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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, KS, VS

SUBJECT: FY 1971 NET ADDITIONAL COSTS PAY AND ALLOWANCE
OBLIGATION

REF: SEOUL 1486

1. AUTHORITY FOR OFFER TO PROVIDE NON- LSE ROKFV EQUIPMENT
TO ROK WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT TO U. S. ARMY WILL NO LONGER BE
VALID AFTER 24 MARCH WITHDRAWAL OF REMAINING KOREAN FORCES
FROM SVN. IN THAT EVENT, MAP WILL BE REQUIRED TO REIMBURSE
THE ARMY FOR FAIR VALUE OF NON- LSE ROKFV EQUIPMENT ROKG
DESIRES TO RETAIN AND PAYMENT TO THE ARMY MUST BE MADE THIS
FISCAL YEAR, THUS COMPOUNDING FURTHER FY73 O& M SUPPORT
PROBLEM.

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2. IT IS, THEREFORE, REQUESTED THAT YOU APPROACH THE ROKG AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO OBTAIN, PRIOR TO 24 MARCH, AGREEMENT TO THE TRANSFER OF THE NON- LSE ROKFV EQUIPMENT IN SATISFACTION OF FY71 PAY AND ALLOWANCE OBLIGATION. SHOULD THE ROKG NOT ELECT TO ACCEPT THE OFFER, YOU SHOULD MAKE CERTAIN THAT IS IS CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY ROKG THAT U. S. CANNOT, SUBSEQUENT TO 24 MARCH, TRANSFER THE EQUIPMENT WITHOUT COMPENSATION TO THE ARMY FROM KOREA MAP.
3. YOU MIGHT REITERATE THAT THERE IS APPARENTLY NO OTHER FEASIBLE MEANS OF SATISFYING THE OBLIGATION WITHOUT FURTHER INORDINATE DELAY AND REQUEST TO CONGRESS FOR AN APPROPRIATION FOR THAT SPECIFIC PURPOSE. REQUESTING SPECIAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION COULD BE EMBARRASSING AND COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE TO OUR MODERNIZATION EFFORT.
4. YOU SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT THE ROK UNDERSTANDING (PARAGRAPH 3. B. OF REF) THAT A 10 DEPOSIT WOULD BE REQUIRED IS ERRONEOUS. IN THIS INSTANCE THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR A DEPOSIT.
5. QUESTION OF PROVISION OF THE U-21 AIRCRAFT AND THE THREE UH-1 H HELICOPTERS IS STILL BEING ADDRESSED.
6. IT WOULD STILL APPEAR, DESPITE REDUCTION IN QUANTITY OF MATERIEL INVOLVED FROM TIME OF OUR INITIAL PROPOSAL, THAT ARRANGEMENT IS IN BEST INTERESTS OF ROKG. THE ACQUISITION VALUE OF EQUIPMENT APPROXIMATES THE DEBT AND THE EQUIPMENT MEETS NEEDS OF ROK FORCES UNDER FIVE YEAR MODERNIZATION PLAN. GIVEN PRESENT AND PROBABLE FUTURE FUNDING RESTRAINTS, DEDUCTIONS FROM MAP FOR REIMBURSEMENT TO THE ARMY SHOULD BE AVOIDED. ROGERS

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